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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)
(For Transmittal to Mr. Amory)

SUBJECT : CIA Position Paper on NSC 143

REFERENCE : Memorandum to DD/P, dated 10 February 1953;
Subject: "Escapee Provision of the Mutual
Security Act of 1951 (PL 165, 82d Congress)"

1. In compliance with your instructions transmitted by [redacted] herewith a brief paper setting forth the position which it is recommended be taken by CIA with respect to NSC 143.

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2. Undoubtedly, NSC 143 reflects the "Kersten" influence, the intent being to have NSC direct the Department of Defense to take positive action in the utilization of escapees and defectees from behind the "Iron Curtain."

3. The CIA position on NSC 143 here recommended is substantially the same as that which you approved in our participation in the 1952 Department of Defense "Plan for Exploitation and Utilization of Soviet Escapees from the Soviet Bloc Countries and Regions."

4. Naturally, there are many unpolished facets and inherent implications in NSC 143 which will require careful handling by any CIA representative nominated to the subject (paragraph 2.f, NSC 143) "ad hoc" committee. It is therefore urgently recommended that any CIA individual designated to so serve be fully briefed within competent Staff and Division elements of the DD/P complex.

5. Representatives of FI, PP, and PM participated in the development of and concurred in the proposed Position Paper attached hereto.

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Enclosure:
Recommended CIA Position Paper
on NSC 143

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